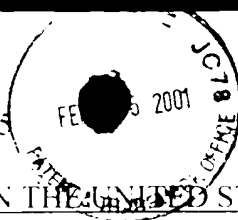


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Notification of a Defective Response mailed December 22, 2000, said period of response being extended from January 7, 2001 to February 7, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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